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In re Application of

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Application No. 09/648,612

Filed: August 28, 2000

For:

**SCREEN DISPLAY CONTROL AND
TRANSITION METHOD AND ITS SYSTEM**

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: DECISION ON PETITION TO
: WITHDRAW HOLDING OF
: ABANDONMENT
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This is a decision on the petition filed July 8, 2003, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a) to withdraw holding of abandonment.

The application became abandoned for failure to timely file a response to the Final Office Action mailed January 7, 2003. No Notice of Abandonment was mailed.

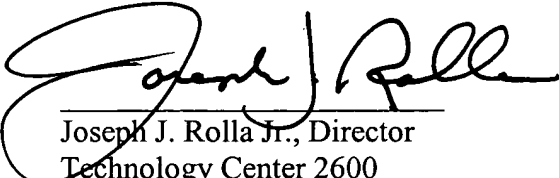
Petitioner asserts that he did not receive the Final Office action mailed January 7, 2003. In support of the petition, Petitioner provides a copy of the docket records showing Non-receipt of the Final Office Action. Furthermore, a review of the record finds a Change of Address filed with the Patent and Trademark Office on October 16, 2002. A review of the record also finds that the Final Office action mailed on January 7, 2003 was improperly sent to the previous address of record. Therefore, there was an irregularity in the mailing of the Final Office Action on January 7, 2003, as it was mistakenly mailed to an incorrect correspondence address. The Patent and Trademark Office regrets any inconvenience to the petitioner.

Accordingly, the application was not abandoned in fact, and the holding of abandonment is withdrawn.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

In view of the time lapse between the original mailing of the Final Office action on January 7, 2003, and the date of this decision, the application file will be forwarded to the examiner of record for updating the search and the Office action as appropriate. From there, the file will be forwarded to the support staff for mailing of the updated Office action to the correct

correspondence address of record and setting a shortened statutory period of three (3) months for the applicant to respond.



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